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Honorable Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr.
Speaker of the House of
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Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Speaker:

I am transmitting to you legislation which would place the position of Director of Central Intelligence at level I of the Executive Schedule.

History repeatedly has demonstrated the importance of intelligence to the security of our nation and to the successful formulation of foreign policy. The position of Director of Central Intelligence entails crucial responsibilities in managing the Central Intelligence Agency and the Intelligence Community. In recognition of the importance of these responsibilities, I have made the Director of Central Intelligence a member of my Cabinet. I believe that the Congress should recognize the key nature of the Director's position by including this post among those at level I of the Executive Schedule.

A corollary purpose of this legislation is to move the Deputy Director of Central Intelligence from level III to level II of the Executive Schedule. The Deputy Director acts for the Director during absence or disability, and closely assists the Director in managing the Central Intelligence Agency and the Intelligence Community.

I urge the Congress to give this legislation prompt and favorable attention. The legislation has been drafted to preclude its resulting in an increase in the annual rate of basic pay payable to the incumbent Director of Central Intelligence for service in that position. A similar provision has been included with respect to the Deputy Director.

Sincerely,

Ronald Reagan

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